

Ballot Title Setting Board

Proposed Initiative 2007-2008 #83¹

The title as designated and fixed by the Board is as follows:

State taxes shall be increased \$209 million annually by an amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning a fee imposed on the consumption of electricity or natural gas based on carbon dioxide emissions to be used to reduce certain forms of pollution, and, in connection therewith, imposing the fee based upon the amount of carbon dioxide emissions resulting from natural gas consumption and electricity production; collecting the fee from consumers; specifying that the fee is in addition to certain existing programs; exempting revenues generated from the fee from applicable constitutional spending limits; specifying minimum percentages of the revenues that are to be spent on the following purposes: (1) energy efficiency, (2) renewable energy, (3) carbon sequestration, (4) pollution reduction, (5) workforce training, (6) technology commercialization, (7) public education, and (8) curricula development; establishing and funding a clean energy progress task force to develop strategies for a clean energy portfolio; and funding a senior advisor to the governor on climate change.

The ballot title and submission clause as designated and fixed by the Board is as follows:

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Hearing April 2, 2008:

Single subject approved; staff draft amended; titles set.

Hearing adjourned 11:14 a.m.

¹ Unofficially captioned “**Fees on Energy Emissions**” by legislative staff for tracking purposes. Such caption is not part of the titles set by the Board.